

Tippecanoe County Health Department

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Public and Semi-Public Pool/Spa Facilities Owners, Operators, Corporate Owners:

In reference to Governor Holcomb's Back on Track Indiana plan, waterparks and water features may reopen with modifications beginning with Stage 4 on June 14, 2020. All aquatic features including water slides, splash pads, water playgrounds, aquatic toys, lazy rivers, etc. **are permitted for use with the restrictions outlined in this directive.** Special attention will need to be paid to touchpoint surfaces of these features. Public and semi-public swimming pools and spas should continue operating under the same restrictions per directive sent on May 11, 2020.

The following are requirements per Tippecanoe County directive:

- Bather load must be reduced by 50%. The bather load count includes people in the water, on the pool deck, as well as pool staff.
- Minimum 6ft social distancing measures remain in effect for patrons and staff.
- Under no circumstances should on-duty lifeguards be required to enforce social distancing expectations, because this could distract them from their life-saving surveillance duties.
- At the facilities' discretion, they may recommend or require patrons that are not actively swimming to wear face coverings. (Per CDC, no children ages 2 and under should wear face coverings.)
- Under no circumstances should anyone be allowed to wear a face covering in the water as this presents a drowning hazard.
- Frequent disinfection of touchpoint surfaces will be critical (information attached). Balls and any toys/games used for communal play are not permitted.
- Either a system to gather and disinfect all deck chairs, kickboards, floats, tubes, etc. between uses shall be implemented <u>or</u> patrons could be allowed to bring items such as lawn chairs from home <u>or</u> do without furnishings in the pool enclosure.
- Specific COVID-19 relevant warnings should be presented to patrons. An example flyer has been attached. Feel free to utilize this poster as your own.
- If an establishment does not comply with these directives it could result in permit revocation. If you have any questions pertinent to your operations, feel free to email the health department at health@tippecanoe.in.gov or call the foods division at 765-423-9221 ext. 3.

Thank you,

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